U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

KATHRYN BLISS, Plaintiff,) NO. 2008 CV 923
V. HARINAM EXPRESS, L.L.C. and PETER CORBETT, Defendants.) Judge: Dow, Jr.)
HARINAM EXPRESS, LLC., and PETER CORBETT, Counter-Plaintiffs,)))
v. PIER ONE, INC. Counter-Defendant.)

CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING OF AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

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1. Affirmative Defense of Counter-Defendant Pier 1 Imports (U.S.), Inc.

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AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

NOW COMES the Counter-Defendant, PIER 1 IMPORTS (U.S.), INC. by and through its attorneys, Hennessy & Roach, P.C. and for its Affirmative Defense states as follows:

- 1. The Plaintiff, Kathryn Bliss was an employee of Pier 1 Imports (U.S.), Inc. at the time and place of the occurrence giving rise to this lawsuit.
- 2. The Plaintiff has received workers' compensation benefits pursuant to the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act, 820 ILCS 305/1 et seq.
- 3. In the event Pier 1 Imports (U.S.), Inc. is determined to be guilty of negligence which proximately caused or contributed to the injuries of the plaintiff, which liability is specifically denied, any such judgment must be limited to an

amount not greater than its workers' compensation liability set forth under Kotecki v. Cyclops Welding Corp., 136 III.2d 155 (Supreme Court, 1991).

Respectfully submitted,

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